

## 2005 IATE Poetry and Prose Contest

### Poems of Exceptional Merit

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#### *What the Train Says*

I crash into the city  
In a sudden breath of smoke; a drag of your cigarette,  
I am flashing green and yellow,  
Shifting from right to left, left to right,  
Shapelessly shaking red hot iron  
I sharpen your ears, my eyes.  
Buzzing neon invites you inside my endless tunnel of cars beyond cars.  
My rails screech shocking pink and tangerine dream.  
And when the day is done I rock back and forth, back and forth out of the heated city  
And I swoop past you with cool blue following behind me  
The night consumes me and  
We all fall asleep.